

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-26 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 21 are independent. The Examiner states that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. By this amendment, claim 4 has been canceled and all of its features and limitations have been added to independent claims 1 and 21. As such, the art grounds of rejection have been rendered moot.

**CONCLUSION**

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, and all of the stated grounds of rejection having been properly traversed, accommodated, and/or rendered moot, reconsideration and allowance of all claims in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is condition for allowance.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8023 in order to discuss the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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